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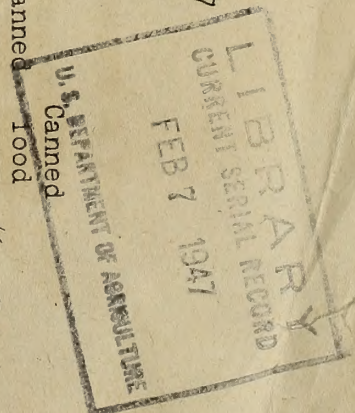
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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 /1



		Margarine and	Fresh fruits & vegetables	Meats	Butter	Cheese	Eggs	Poultry dressed	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs	Total													
	Beverages	/2	butterine	/3	vegetables	/4	meats	/5	Butter	/3	Cheese	/3	Eggs	/3	Poultry	dressed	/2	Canned	milk	Canned	food	stuffs	/6	Total
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815	347	73,957	27,088	1,822	2,248	2,601	1,506	4,281	36,702	170,367													
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,924	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	170,228													
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	26.6	0.1	-3.8	40.8	47.9	-5.0	-5.0	-2.5	3.5	0.1													
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479	339	82,084	31,595	1,698	2,458	3,222	1,345	5,193	35,139	183,552													
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330	334	86,030	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	5,299	34,116	181,614													
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7	1.5	-4.6	13.8	40.4	48.2	-7.0	-5.0	-2.0	3.0	1.1													
Estimated cars, April 1947	20,600	222	87,872	29,476	1,820	1,722	4,021	1,680	6,532	37,009	190,954													
Number cars shipped April 1946	18,655	268	89,684	23,047	1,399	1,701	4,233	1,768	6,665	34,106	181,526													
Percentage increase or decrease	10.4	-17.2	-2.0	27.9	30.1	1.2	-5.0	-5.0	-2.0	8.5	5.2													
Number of cars shipped May 1946	17,085	314	86,989	20,911	1,263	1,431	4,011	1,418	8,567	30,050	172,039													
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,157	28,687	1,579	2,132	4,212	1,525	9,225	29,114	178,609													
Percentage increase or decrease	-17.0	-20.3	7.2	-27.1	-25.0	-14.9	-5.0	-7.0	-7.1	3.2	-3.7													
Estimated cars, June 1946	16,964	228	90,451	19,577	2,145	2,097	5,669	1,681	8,675	33,960	181,447													
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,324	19,501	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	183,372													
Percentage increase or decrease	-12.8	18.1	14.0	-33.6	-30.2	6.2	4.2	-16.5	-10.9	4.0	-1.0													
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349	427	85,964	39,760	2,556	1,867	4,591	2,147	7,593	34,684	198,938													
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625	389	79,383	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,871													
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2	9.8	8.3	22.9	-18.5	-12.5	-8.4	0.0	-13.8	5.5	6.4													
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,923	522	73,374	31,258	2,386	2,118	4,282	2,423	6,479	35,660	179,425													
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,111	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,230													
Percentage increase or decrease	-4.8	-5.3	1.8	-0.6	-13.6	-16.6	-7.9	3.2	-11.9	6.5	0.1													

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	Margarine and		Fresh fruits &		Canned		Poultry		Canned		Canned		Total								
	Beverages	2	butterine	3	vegetables	4	Meats	5	Butter	3	Cheese	3	Eggs	3	dressed	3	milk	6	stuffs	6	Total
Estimated cars, September 1946	22,989		380		79,494		19,508		1,967		2,054		3,664		2,700		5,475		39,841		178,072
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492		380		86,920		29,247		1,880		2,542		3,843		2,635		5,824		36,186		190,949
Percentage increase or decrease	7.0		0.0		-8.5		-33.3		4.6		-19.2		-4.7		2.5		-6.0		10.1		-6.7
Estimated cars, October 1946	23,426		641		92,144		27,710		1,785		1,917		4,303		3,747		4,398		43,953		204,024
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334		590		100,744		30,201		1,635		1,860		3,485		3,569		4,664		42,952		214,034
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.7		8.6		-8.5		-8.2		9.2		3.1		23.5		5.0		-5.7		2.3		-4.7
Estimated cars, November 1946	22,206		424		72,104		34,939		1,765		1,542		3,959		5,182		4,474		46,576		193,171
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100		390		81,625		35,668		1,695		1,846		3,165		4,959		4,419		44,200		201,067
Percentage increase or decrease	-3.8		8.7		-11.7		-2.0		4.1		-16.5		25.1		4.5		1.2		5.4		-3.9
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617		410		70,582		31,579		1,480		1,292		2,923		4,856		4,113		41,381		181,233
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807		377		74,446		35,338		1,623		1,643		2,669		4,845		4,316		40,570		189,634
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0		8.8		-5.2		-10.6		-8.8		-21.4		9.5		0.2		-4.7		2.0		-4.4
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801		331		83,257		28,485		2,171		2,692		2,830		2,678		4,277		38,352		185,874
Number cars shipped, January 1946	21,221		343		83,916		28,758		1,542		1,819		3,011		2,830		4,364		37,600		185,454
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0		-3.5		-0.8		-0.9		40.8		48.0		-6.0		-7.0		-2.0		2.0		0.2

1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for the first 5 months of 1946.

3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in the first 5 months of 1946.

4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. January, February, March and April, 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

5 For the first 5 months of 1946, this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210 220 and 222 carloads originated less canned meats. Eight months of 1945, 7 months of 1946, and January, February, March and April 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

6 The first 5 months of 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. Eight months of 1945, 7 months of 1946 and January, February, March and April 1947 are estimates of the same movement.

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